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1. Reported Soviet troop movements in Balkans--Rumania: General Schuyler, US delegate ACC, reports that the Soviets have decreased by approximately 45 percent their food requisitions from Rumania for the upkeep of Red Army troops there during the next few months.

Hungary: According to US military observers, recent Soviet troop movements in Hungary confirm previous reports [redacted]

[redacted] that the Soviets are making substantial withdrawals of occupation troops from Austria.

Bulgaria: The Commander of US Forces Mediterranean reports that, according to a reliable Bulgarian source, the Soviets have informed the Bulgarian Minister of War that they will withdraw 18,000 Red troops from Bulgaria during the first half of May.

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2. HUNGARY: US to support British right to issue news bulletin--The State Department has asked General Key, US delegate ACC, to support the British forcefully, if the Soviets repeat their request that the British cease publication of their news bulletin in Hungary. The US considers such Soviet action to be (a) arbitrary, discriminatory and without legal warrant; (b) a unilateral denial of the rights of an Allied power represented on the ACC; and (c) a violation of the principle of freedom of the press.

3. FRANCE: Communist coup reportedly postponed--US Military Attache, Brussels, reports that the execution date for the Communist seizure of power in France has been postponed and that no new date has been set.

[redacted]

Communist strategy. Caffery reports that the new Communist strategy until the 2 June elections (a) recognizes that the Party, through overconfidence, seriously erred in the referendum campaign by transforming it into a plebiscite on Communism, and (b) aims for success in the elections by modest behavior and professed attachment to the rules of democracy.

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4. TURKEY: Soviet pressure increases unity--The British Foreign Office has informed Embassy London that the Turkish Government wishes to hold elections at an early date because the Soviet war of nerves has intensified national unity and the Turkish economic situation is good.
5. GERMANY: US economic plan--The State Department has proposed to the Secretary of State an economic plan for Germany which seeks to (a) resolve the present crisis in ACC; (b) prevent the creation of separate eastern and western economic units; and (c) fix the blame on the Soviets if the Potsdam Declaration is not carried out. The two main features of this plan to treat Germany as a single economic unit are: (a) settlement of the Ruhr-Rhineland issue in order to insure French acceptance of a central administration and to determine whether Ruhr-Rhineland resources will be available to the German economy in carrying out reparations; and (b) resumption of the reparations program, if the Soviets agree in principle to a common export-import program.
6. GERMANY: Protest against proposed Saar coal allocations--General Clay has protested the proposed agreement to give France all coal from the Saar in excess of present German domestic allocations. He considers that such unilateral distribution of coal would (a) weaken quadripartite authority; (b) be inconsistent with the US position on imports from the Soviet zone; and (c) prevent the development of a minimum level of industry necessary to comply with the "disease and unrest formula."
7. POLAND: Government reportedly does not want Anders' troops--US Military Attache London transmits the statement of a "completely reliable" source that (despite its demands) the Warsaw government (a) "does not really want" Poles who served in Italy to return to Poland, and (b) is sending agents to dissuade those who intend to return.

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9. ARGENTINA: Soviet bid for influence--Charge Cabot reports that Soviet attempts to establish a political beachhead in Argentina [redacted] are increasing and cites (a) Soviet determination to outbid the US for Argentine products; (b) increased Communist press attacks on the US; and (c) repeated efforts to influence Peron against US. Cabot believes that Peron, though reluctant, may be forced to reestablish diplomatic relations with the Soviets.
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